

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 700

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Edith Alma Davis Aytes on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Edith Alma Davis Aytes will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 26, 2008, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, one of the six children of Charles Sumner Davis and Amanda Potter Davis, Edith Aytes was born and raised in Lancing, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she attended grade school at Potters Chapel in Lancing, and Cliff Springs, but only completed the fourth grade, as her father worked at various saw mills, and the family was required to move often; and

WHEREAS, in 1936, at the age of eighteen, Edith Aytes married Hugh Myrle Aytes in Frankfort, Tennessee, and subsequently had six children; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting great dedication, strength of character, and perseverance, Edith Aytes worked assiduously to raise her six children as a single parent; and

WHEREAS, Edith Aytes is the devoted mother of Mable Fayne Aytes, Bernard Hugh Aytes, Edith Pauline Aytes, Arlan Dwayne Aytes, Libbie Clarissa Aytes, and Rita Nadine Aytes; she is the proud matriarch of a family that includes eighteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren, and nine great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as Edith Aytes approaches her 10th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Edith Alma Davis Aytes on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.